

## From the CIO



CIO of the  
Commonwealth  
Lem Stewart

July 1 marked a significant milestone in the IT Infrastructure Partnership – Service Commencement Date. Northrop Grumman assumed responsibility for the delivery of infrastructure services with VITA oversight. There won't be immediate change, but over the next three years we will see our infrastructure transformed into a cohesive, efficient, up-to-date platform that will better meet needs of state government, permitting agencies to enhance their services to citizens of the Commonwealth.

I'm excited about the progress we have made, and believe the IT Infrastructure Partnership with Northrop Grumman is good for our state. This 10-year, \$2 billion partnership also creates new jobs, offers career opportunities for existing VITA staff, calls for the construction of new facilities, and contributes to overall economic development in the Commonwealth. It's a "win-win" situation for state government, our private sector partner, and citizens and businesses across Virginia.

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## Agencies will pilot infrastructure transformation

VITA and Northrop Grumman are working with agencies to determine which will be the first to participate in the upcoming transformation of state government's IT infrastructure. These "pilot" agencies will work closely with VITA and Northrop Grumman to move forward with plans for enterprise security, consolidation of help desks, PC refreshes, messaging services and more. Agencies will have input on plans for the transformation, which will occur over the next three years.

## Employees are accepting Northrop Grumman offers

More than 65 percent of the 846 VITA employees who received letters offering employment with Northrop Grumman have accepted the job offers. Twelve percent have declined offers. Employees have until Sept. 12 to accept offers. Many of these VITA employees are housed in agencies. VITA and Northrop Grumman are working diligently to make sure they have information necessary to make sound decisions for themselves and their families.

## Commonwealth Strategic Plan for IT

An Implementation Program for the [Commonwealth Strategic Plan for IT](#) is being prepared by the Strategic Planning Workgroup. The Implementation Plan will be presented to the ITIB at the July 20 meeting. Once the Implementation Plan is finalized and approved by the ITIB, it will be posted online. Please remember this is a Commonwealth plan. It is a component of the larger statewide planning process and supports the state's long-term objectives established by the Council on Virginia's Future. It was built on a foundation of stakeholder input, provides a framework for IT decision-making, and establishes specific objectives and performance measures.

## Sept. 10-12 COVITS will feature innovative technology

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium is scheduled Sept. 10-12 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. This year's program will shape the future of COVITS, starting with the new name: the Commonwealth of Virginia *Innovative* Technology Symposium. There are reduced registration and hotel rates for state employees. The breakout sessions will focus on how to find business benefits by use of innovative technologies in health care, transportation and education. The event is hosted by Secretary of Technology Aneesh Chopra on behalf of Governor Tim Kaine. For more information, visit [www.covits.org](http://www.covits.org).



## PMDP participants can access additional resources

Participants in the Commonwealth IT Project Manager Development Program (PMDP) now have unlimited access to best practices information, research support, networking, and other services through a VITA/Corporate Executive Board Project Management Office Council partnership. Commonwealth project managers and sponsors may use their PMDP-enabled Pegasus password to access the [council](#) or the information [clearing house](#).

## State's Web portal redesigned

[Virginia.gov](http://Virginia.gov), the Commonwealth's Web portal, has been redesigned to provide easier access to information and services. The historic look of the site coincides with Jamestown's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are links to topics of importance to the Commonwealth and its citizens, and also to people and businesses across the country and world interested in learning more about Virginia. Among the enhancements:

- Intuitive navigation and improved topic organization
- Meaningful icons that serve as visual cues about content and portal categories
- Expert content delivery through partnerships with state agencies
- New and enhanced features, such as an "I Want To" search, improved delivery of weather and regional traffic information
- Text and image based community map service that provides locality information
- Everyday activities, such as a "Fact of the Week" and citizen photography

VITA partners with Virginia Interactive to develop and maintain the state's Web presence, which averages 477,002 visitors per month, a 61 percent increase from the previous year.

## Amber Alerts now wireless

Governor Tim Kaine encourages state employees to sign up for wireless AMBER Alerts through their state-issued wireless devices. Registration is simple at [www.wirelessamberalert.org](http://www.wirelessamberalert.org). Subscribers are asked to enter their wireless number and identify geographic areas (based on up to five Zip Codes) for which they wish to receive alerts. Governor Kaine said the few minutes it takes to enroll could make all the difference when it comes to finding a child in trouble.

## On the calendar

July 19-20 — Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) quarterly meeting

## On the Web

[www.vita.virginia.gov](http://www.vita.virginia.gov)

[www.northropgrumman.com](http://www.northropgrumman.com)

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